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Made the Trade

... And while we are on the subject, let's not lose sight of the fact that this swap grew out of the dogged devotion of a Brooklyn lawyer to the highest principles of American justice.

James B. Donovan, the court-appointed attorney for Col. Abel, was vilified in 1957 when he fought to save his client from the death penalty. He argued that it would be better to have Abel alive so that some day he might be traded for some American.

This prophetic vision paid off when pilot Powers was shot down in 1960. For nearly two years Mr. Donovan has toiled tirelessly to arrange the swap of Abel for Powers, even going to East Germany to work out the details with U.S. approval.

Mr. Donovan is indeed a credit to the legal profession.